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AWARDS TO NAVAL PERSONNEL BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

18. *[The constitutional prohibition, and the statutory consent of
20 July 1942 without protest]*

19. The State Department has, through its representatives, requested that all cobelligerent nations and the other American republics clear contemplated awards through diplomatic channels before offering them to the recipients, except immediate combat awards in the fields, which may be cleared through the senior local American commander. However, in any case, if an officer or man of the naval service is tendered a decoration without previous notification, or in circumstances where refusal to accept without confirmation from the Navy Department would cause embarrassment or possible affront to the foreign government concerned, he will accept the decoration and immediately report the full circumstances to the Navy Department.--SecNav. James Forrestal.

NAVY review(s) completed.

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